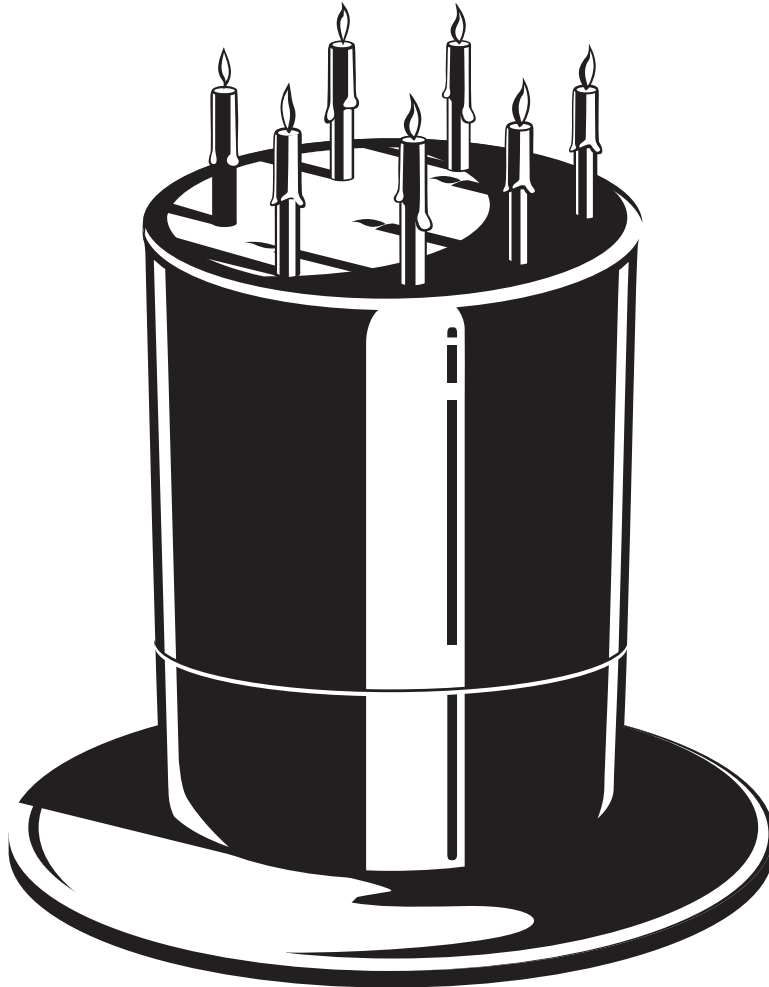
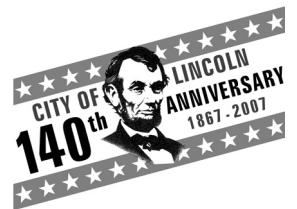


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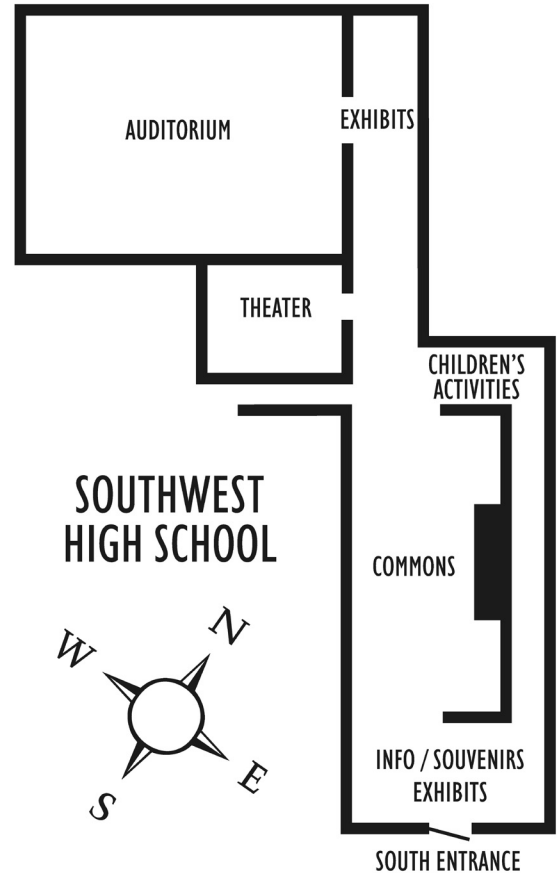
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# *Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration*

## **SCHEDULE**

<b>Noon to 5:30 p.m.</b>	Children's games, toys and activities; historical exhibits; souvenirs for sale; free refreshments
<b>Noon to 2 p.m.</b> Commons	Dancing with the Smith Family Band and the Roundhouse Band
<b>1:30 p.m.</b> Theater	"Letters from the Battlefield" with Dr. Spencer Davis, Professor of History at Peru State College, and Dr. Wayne Reynolds, Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church
<b>2 p.m.</b> Commons	Birthday Ceremony with Mayoral Proclamation, sponsors' remarks, Impersonators Contest awards
<b>2:15 p.m.</b> Auditorium	Sing-along with Chris Sayre
<b>2:30 p.m.</b> Auditorium	<b>VISITING THE LINCOLNS</b> with Michael Krebs and Debra Ann Miller
<b>3:30 p.m.</b> Commons	Traditional Music with Chris Sayre



The performance will be aired over the next few weeks on 5 CITY-TV (Time Warner Cable channel 5). For schedule information, see [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov).

## **IMPERSONATORS CONTEST**

Contestants in the Abe Lincoln Impersonators Contest may register at the information desk from noon to 1:30 p.m.

### **TWO CATEGORIES: YOUTH (AGE 16 AND UNDER), ADULT**

Judging will take place at 1:30 p.m. Contestants should meet at the impersonators desk. Awards will be presented during the 2 p.m. Birthday Ceremony. Gifts will be presented to all contestants, with special prizes for the top impersonators.



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## MICHAEL KREBS AND DEBRA ANN MILLER

Michael Krebs returns for a second year to our Abraham Lincoln Celebration. In 2006, he portrayed Lincoln in a recreation of a Lincoln-Douglas debate with Larry Diemer as Stephen Douglas. This year, Michael is joined by Debra Ann Miller as Mary Todd Lincoln. The pair has taken educational programs to hundreds of schools throughout the Midwest as well as museums and libraries throughout the U.S.

Debra is a veteran performer in theatre companies in the Chicago area. She won Best Actress in the 2004 Chicago Indiefest for her performance in her first film, "Zen Noir."

Krebs formed a theatrical company dedicated to performances concerning Lincoln in 1992. He has produced "Visiting the Lincolns" at Gettysburg, the Lincoln Presidential Museum, the Hoover Presidential Library, the Gerald Ford Museum and other sites and had an extended run in Chicago. While working at the Chicago Historical Society, he helped create an online analysis of Lincoln's assassination for the Society's Distance Learning Center. He and Diemer first performed the Lincoln-Douglas debate recreation in Galesburg in 1994 for a live broadcast on C-SPAN, a cable television public affairs channel. Krebs also has appeared on the History Channel (Conspiracy) and in the Library of Congress' Mr. Lincoln's Virtual Library. Krebs, who lives in Evergreen Park, Illinois, has a bachelor's degree in theatre from Western Illinois University.

More about Michael and Debra can be found at [www.abrahamlincolnperformance.com](http://www.abrahamlincolnperformance.com).



## SMITH FAMILY BAND



Back for the sixth year is the Smith Family Band of Hastings – parents Pam and Tim and their son Jeremy. Son Erik also is a member, but he now lives in Santa Monica, California, and was unable to be with us today. The family has been performing together since the boys started playing violin in first grade. In addition to playing for Civil War reenactments, the Smiths play bluegrass, gospel, classical, Irish, renaissance, wedding, traditional dance and holiday music. Pam is a Dance Mistress, providing instruction in the old dances. The family has also performed and taught American pioneer songs and dances as Artists-in-Residence in Japan. The band specializes in audience participation and lots of fun for everyone! The Smith Family Band has released a CD entitled "Millennium," a collection of 17 of their favorite selections.

## THE ROUNDHOUSE BAND



Members of the Roundhouse Band started the group about eight years ago after meeting through the Great Plains Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association. The band plays old-time songs and fiddle tunes and both classical and contemporary bluegrass. The band also plays period music for special events at museums and historical reenactments. Don Knudsen's primary instrument is the mandolin, but he also plays guitar, autoharp, clawhammer banjo and several other members of the mandolin family. Duane Miller of Fremont is the fiddler, and his railroad interests were the inspiration for the band's name. Bob Roscoe is the bass player who also adds the fiddle harmony for the chamber music sound of the 1800s. Steve Askamit is a corporate pilot who plays bluegrass-style banjo and guitar. The Roundhouse Band has two recordings – "First Run" and "The Old Home Place" – and is working on a third CD, which will feature Civil War music.



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## CHRIS SAYRE



Lincoln native Chris Sayre has dedicated more than 25 years to the performance and promotion of traditional and contemporary folk music. He is self-taught on more than a dozen instruments. In addition to performing with several groups, he has performed nationally at more than 1,000 schools and is in his 19th season in the Artists in Schools/Communities Program, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Arts Council (NAC). He was recently honored by the NAC for his years of participation. Chris contributed to the soundtracks of two nationally aired PBS documentaries and a third NET documentary. He was honored by Lincoln radio station KZUM as Artist of the Year in 2000 and Folk Artist of the Year in 1999, 2000 and 2001. His group Paddywhack won the KZUM award for World Artists of the Year in 2000, 2001 and 2002, and Chris was the first inductee into the KZUM Hall of Fame. He has earned top honors at the Nebraska State Country Music Championship in Springfield and the Westfair Championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Chris has two CDs available – "Falcon Rust" and "Whacked Out" with Paddywhack.

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